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Subject: FW: Denka Performance Elastomer News Release & Background Information
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Can any of you shed light on this process?

Denka says they previously filed for a request for reconsideration and withdrew it and now have filed a request for correction.

They also say that EPA had peer-reviewed this new Denka risk model for chloroprene, “which suggests the agency’s previous assessment could overstate cancer risk from chloroprene exposure by as much as 130 times.”

Help me understand this process, both generally and in reference to chloroprene.

Also you still haven’t responded to me regarding my questions about the recent La. Tumor Registry report in connection with Denka and chloroprene.

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Mark,

Please find **attached** a news release from Denka Performance Elastomer. You may quote me as spokesperson if you decide to use this information. Below are some basic points on what it's about. I hope you received the background information on DPE that I sent you a week or so go. I hope everything is going well.

Best,

Jim Harris

On behalf of Denka Performance Elastomer

Background

- DPE is submitting a formal Request for Correction to the U.S. EPA that includes a new scientific model of chloroprene metabolism as part of the company's continued work with the agency to improve its understanding of chloroprene. A response or action on the request from EPA could take months.
- The model has been reviewed by the agency, undergone external peer review as part of being published in a prestigious scientific journal last year, a testament to the scientific community's confidence in its methods.
- The new model shows previous suggestions by the EPA's Integrated Risk Information System about chloroprene greatly overestimated potential risks to more than 130 times higher than reality.
- DPE's new request to EPA will take the place of a Request for Reconsideration, which the company withdrew as part of EPA's standard process for reviewing agency actions. EPA has suggested that this is a more appropriate process for incorporating the new model into EPA's risk assessment. A final decision and action by EPA on DPE's request could take several months. DPE will continue to work with EPA throughout this process.

- As you know, while DPE has been working with EPA throughout the scientific review process, the company spent over \$35 million on emissions reduction projects, installing new equipment and improvements to reduce its environmental footprint. This investment has resulted in a similar decrease in concentrations of chloroprene measured in the air near the facility.

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